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**SUBJECT: Changes to Hours of Operation and Commercial Vessel Arrival Notification
Telephone Number for Fort Loudoun Lock, Tennessee River Mile 602.3.**

Effective 22 June, 2008, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will adjust the operating hours and commercial vessel call procedure for Fort Loudoun Lock. Fort Loudoun Lock will operate daily on the following schedule.

Daily Hours of Operation (all times are Eastern)

OPEN - 10 am to 10 pm.

CLOSED – 10 pm to 10 am

Allowances will be made for commercial operators to lock through during the scheduled closed period of hours, eight (8) days per month. The eight days allowed for commercial operators to lock through during the scheduled closed hours will be requested and used at the commercial operator's discretion.

If the need arises for lockage by commercial operators during the scheduled closed hours, the Corps must be contacted two (2) times for lockage arrangements to be made.

1. **First contact must be made by 2 pm (eastern) at Fort Loudoun Lock (865-986-2762)** to inform the lock operator on duty that they expect to arrive at the Fort Loudoun Lock during the next scheduled closed period hours. The commercial operator should give the lock operator on duty the best estimated time of arrival (ETA) to the lock.

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2. **Second contact will be made to 865-560-0748 once the towboat reaches the arrival point at Fort Loudoun Lock.** The commercial operator will call 865-560-0748 to inform the operator that they have arrived for lockage at the Fort Loudoun Lock. Every effort will be made to insure that the maximum wait time for the towboat will not exceed two (2) hours from the towboat's second contact time.

Vessels failing to make an appointment in advance as described above will not be locked through until a lock operator arrives for their next normal shift.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, contact Tim Wright, Facility Manager, Fort Loudoun Lock by telephone at 865-986-2762.

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